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Act 9—
And thus, she kisses the blade

WHY ARE YOU SO WILLING TO GO RIGHT AWAY? ARE YOU GOING TO BELIEVE HIS STORY THAT EASILY?!

WA- WAIT A SECOND, MING-HAI!
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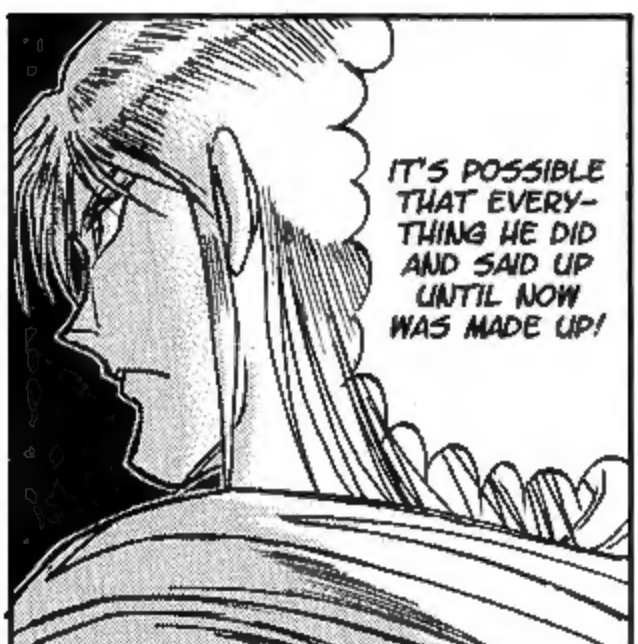
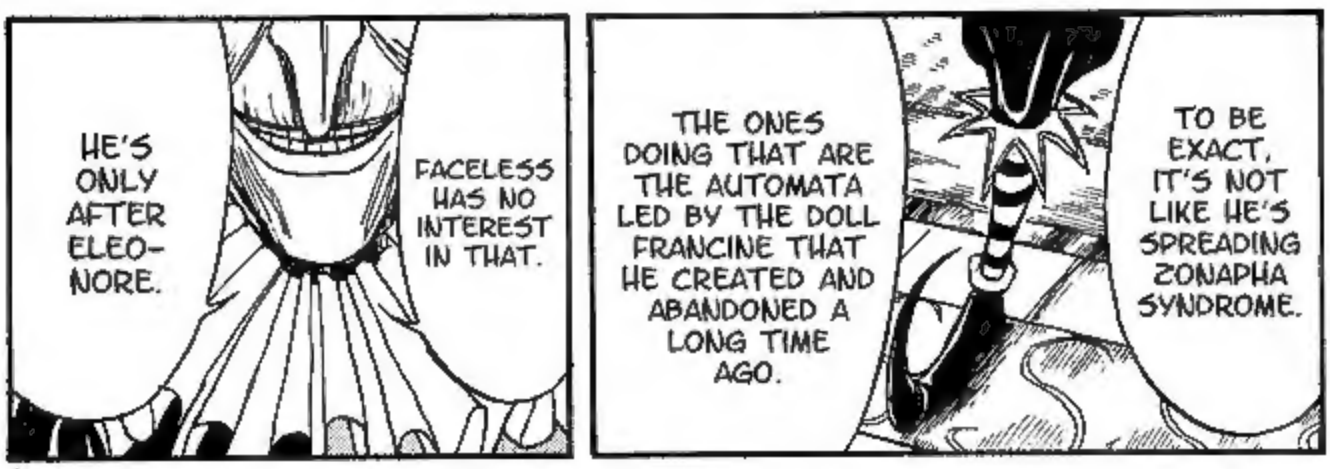

IT'S POSSIBLE THAT EVERY-THING HE DID AND SAID UP UNTIL NOW WAS MADE UP!

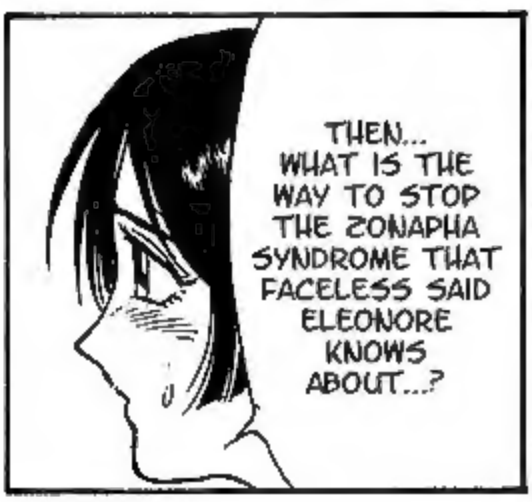
I HAVE A QUESTION! JUST WHAT IS IT THAT FACELESS WANTS, THEN?!
YES?
HOLD ON THERE!
MIS-TER FOU!

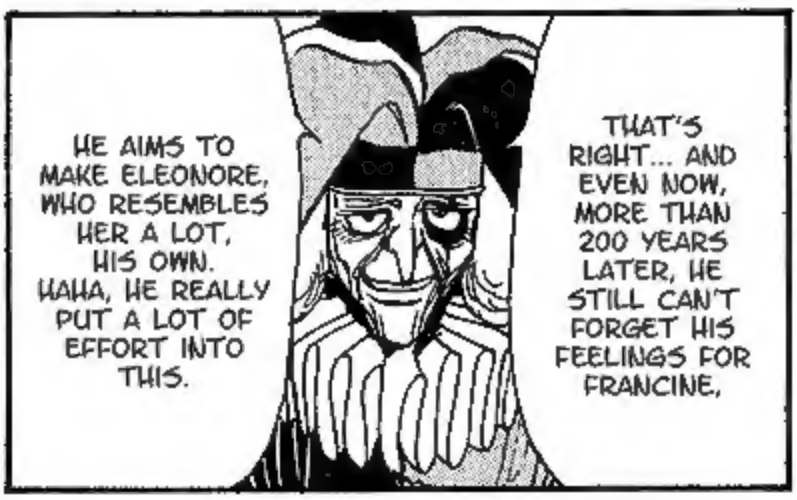
IF YOUR STORY SO FAR ISN'T MADE UP, THEN I'M SURE YOU CAN ANSWER THIS, RIGHT?
WHAT'S HE AFTER BY SPREADING ZONAPHA SYNDROME ALL OVER THE WORLD?

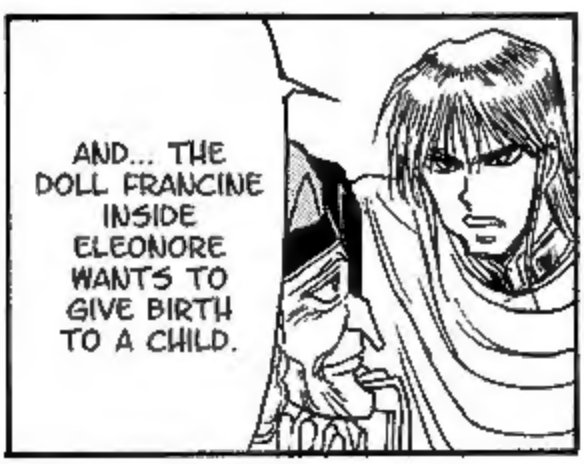

HE'S ONLY AFTER ELEO-NORE.
FACELESS HAS NO INTEREST IN THAT.
THE ONES DOING THAT ARE THE AUTOMATA LED BY THE DOLL FRANCINE THAT HE CREATED AND ABANDONED A LONG TIME AGO.
TO BE EXACT, IT'S NOT LIKE HE'S SPREADING ZONAPHA SYNDROME.

...IS THE WOMAN FACELESS LOVED WHEN HE WAS CALLED "BAI-JIN."
AND THE HUMAN FRANCINE, THE MODEL OF THE DOLL...
DOLL FRANCINE ENTERED ELEONORE'S BODY BY DISSOLVING IN THE AQUA VITAE...

BAI-YIN...!
THE YOUNG BROTHER OF BAI-YIN, THE CREATOR OF THE SHIRO-GANE...
HE'S THE ALCHEMIST WHO SNATCHED AWAY HIS BROTHER'S WIFE...

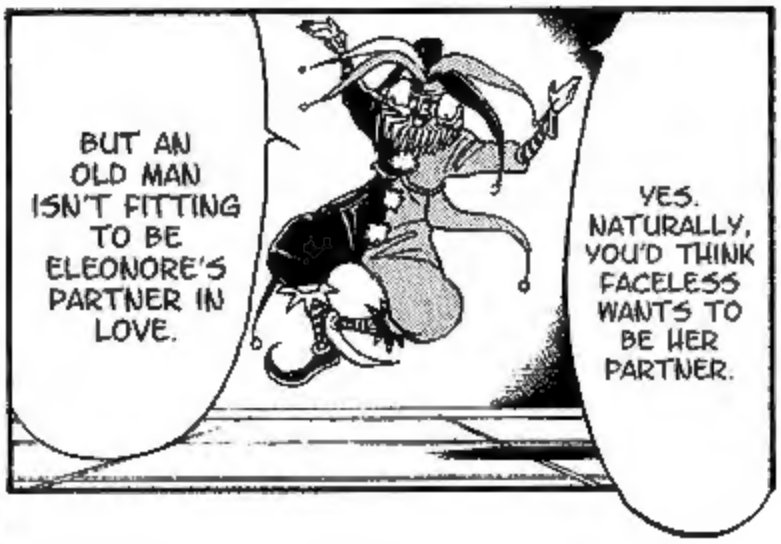

THEN... WHAT IS THE WAY TO STOP THE ZONAPHA SYNDROME THAT FACELESS SAID ELEONORE KNOWS ABOUT...?

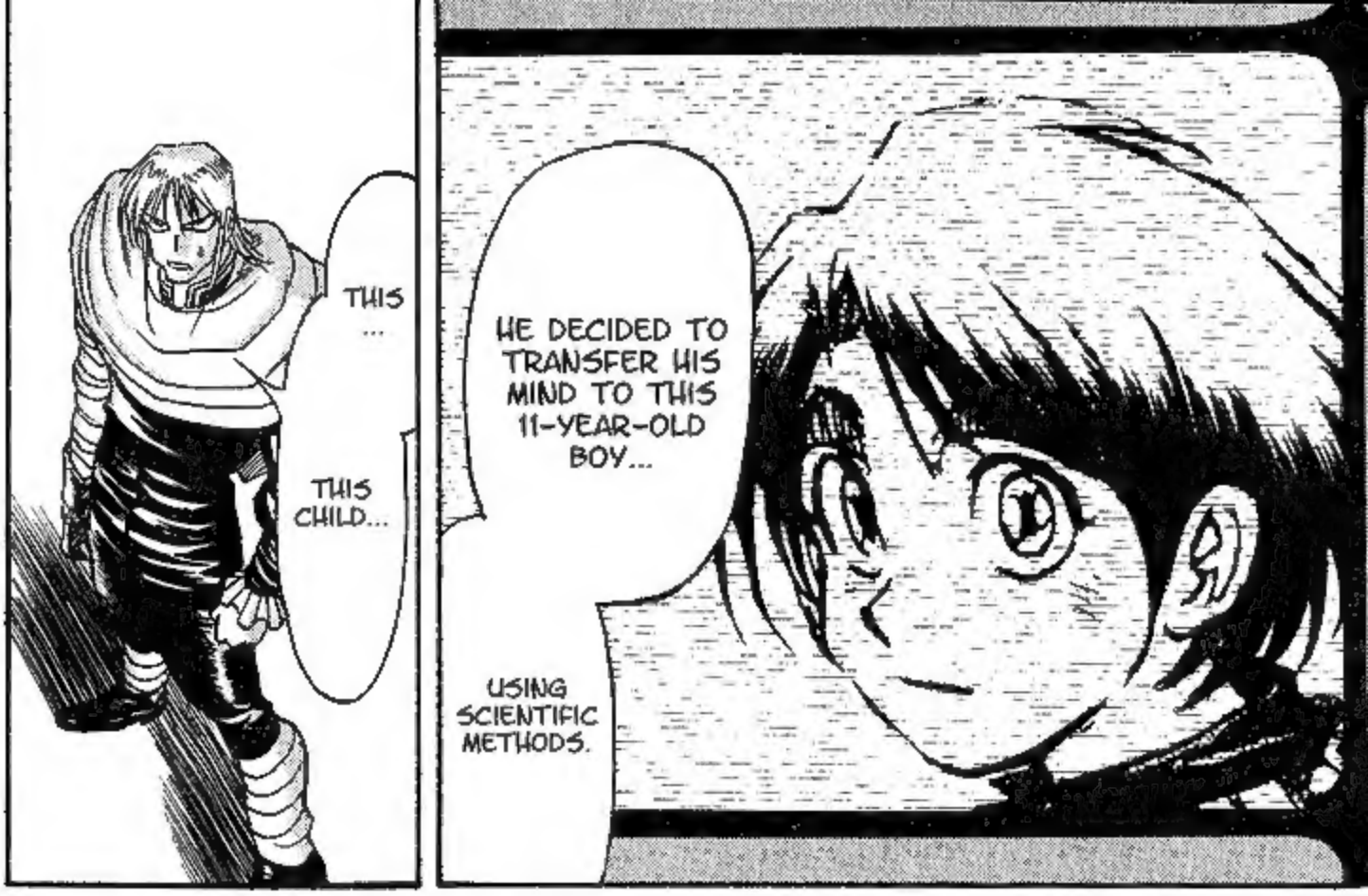

HE AIMS TO MAKE ELEONORE, WHO RESEMBLES HER A LOT, HIS OWN. HAHA, HE REALLY PUT A LOT OF EFFORT INTO THIS.
THAT'S RIGHT... AND EVEN NOW, MORE THAN 200 YEARS LATER, HE STILL CAN'T FORGET HIS FEELINGS FOR FRANCINE.


AND... THE DOLL FRANCINE INSIDE ELEONORE WANTS TO GIVE BIRTH TO A CHILD.

PERHAPS HE THINKS THAT ELEONORE KNOWS, SINCE SHE POSSESS THE CONSCIOUSNESS OF DOLL FRANCINE.
WHO KNOWS? BUT HE IS THE ONE WHO CREATED DOLL FRANCINE AND ZONAPHA SYNDROME.

THEREFORE, HE DESIRED A NEW BODY.


BUT AN OLD MAN ISN'T FITTING TO BE ELEONORE'S PARTNER IN LOVE.
YES. NATURALLY, YOU'D THINK FACELESS WANTS TO BE HER PARTNER.


THIS ...
THIS CHILD...
HE DECIDED TO TRANSFER HIS MIND TO THIS 11-YEAR-OLD BOY...
USING SCIENTIFIC METHODS.

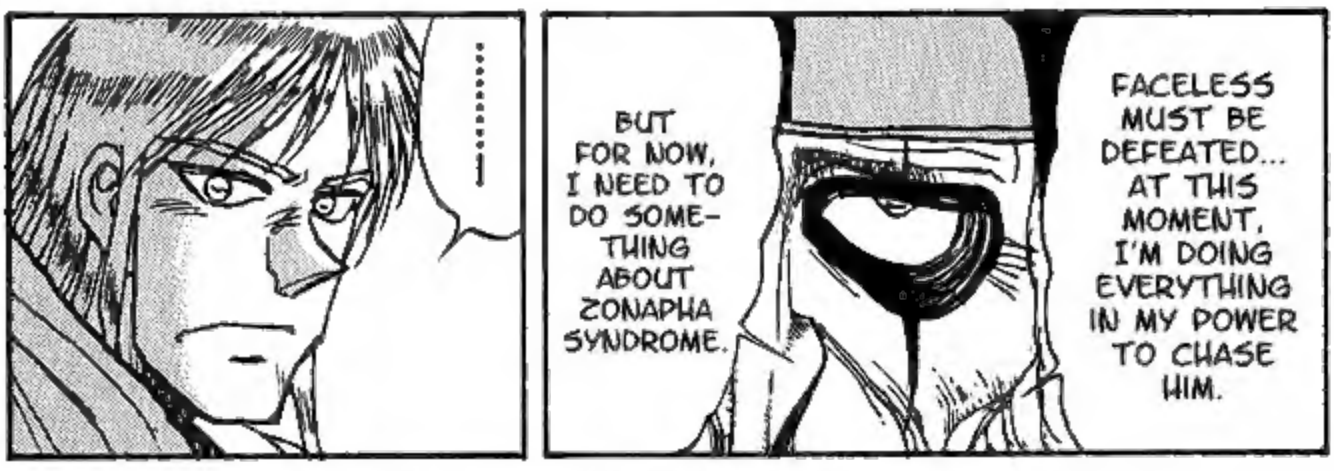
IT IS. WITH THE METHOD OF "DOWNLOAD", YOU CAN BURN THE MEMORIES OF SOMEONE ELSE INTO A PERSON'S BRAIN.
WHAT? THERE'S NO WAY SOMETHING LIKE THAT IS POSSIBLE...

WHICH MEANS THAT BOY WILL BE 21.
THAT KID IS 11 YEARS OLD. ELEONORE IS 18. SINCE THE SHIROGANE ONLY AGE A YEAR EVERY FIVE YEARS, IN TEN YEARS SHE WILL BE 20.

THAT'S RIGHT... I BELIEVE THAT'S WHAT FACELESS IS PLANNING.
DON'T TELL ME...

YES, HE WAS WITH ELEONORE UNTIL RECENT-LY.
THIS CHILD IS ALIVE?!

HIS PLAN WAS FOR DOLL FRANCINE TO LOOK FOR A PARTNER TO HAVE A BABY ONCE SHE BECAME HUMAN.
FACELESS WILL GET A YOUNGER BODY AND HAVE ELEONORE!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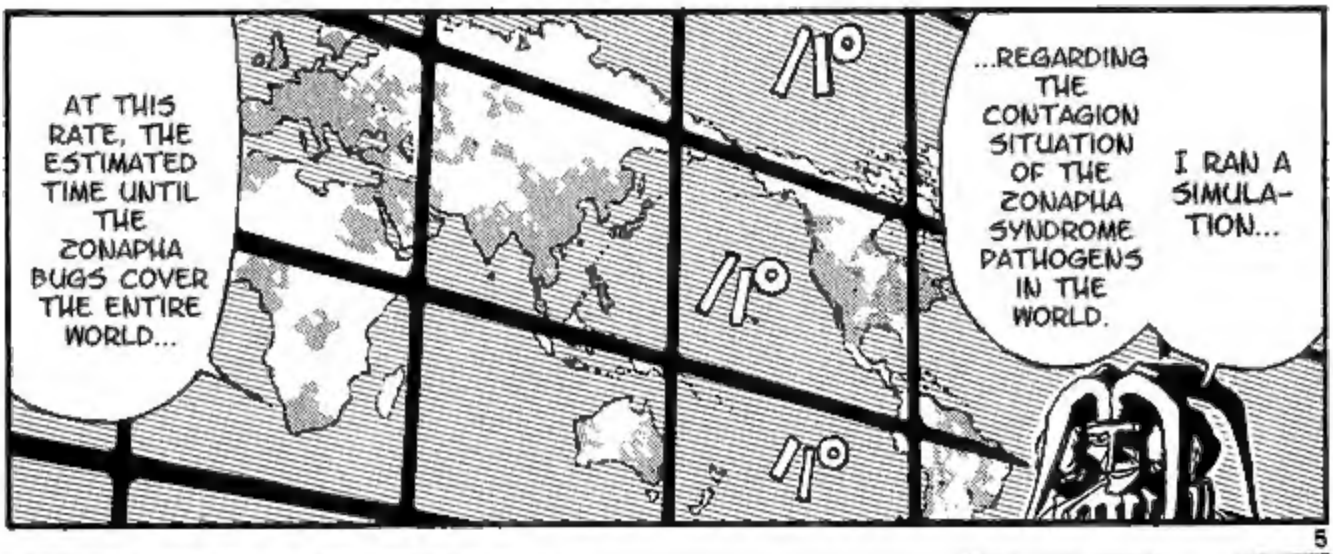
BUT FOR NOW, I NEED TO DO SOME-THING ABOUT ZONAPHA SYNDROME.
FACELESS MUST BE DEFEATED... AT THIS MOMENT, I'M DOING EVERYTHING IN MY POWER TO CHASE HIM.


AT THIS RATE, THE ESTIMATED TIME UNTIL THE ZONAPHA BUGS COVER THE ENTIRE WORLD...
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...REGARDING THE CONTAGION SITUATION OF THE ZONAPHA SYNDROME PATHOGENS IN THE WORLD.
I RAN A SIMULA-TION...

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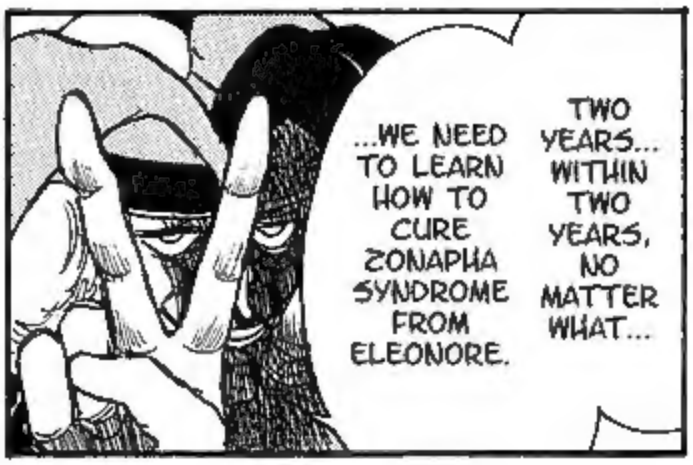
...IS ROUGHLY TWO YEARS.

HUMANS ALL OVER THE WORLD WILL BE IMMEDIATELY THROWN IN A LIVING HELL OF ZONAPHA SYNDROME.
AFTER THAT, UNDER THE COMMAND OF ELEONORE, THE LEADER OF THE AUTOMATA,

MISTER NARUMI, MISS MING-XIA,
THAT'S ALL I HAD TO SAY.

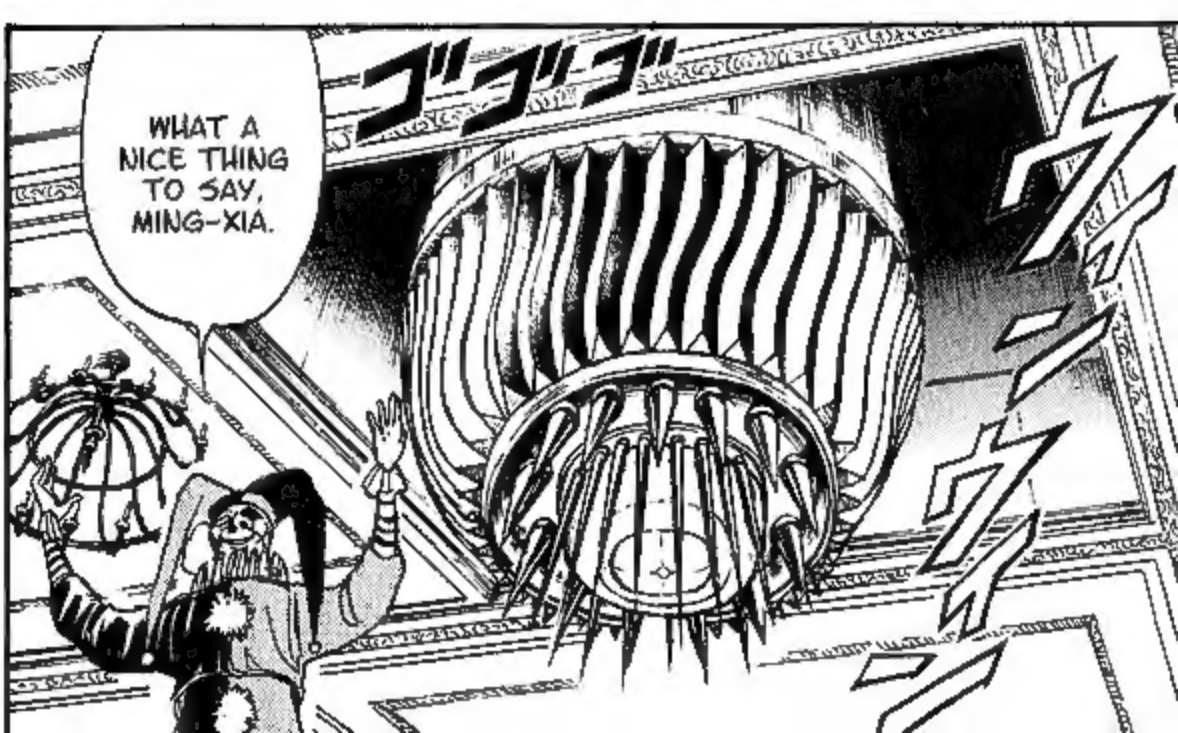

...WE NEED TO LEARN HOW TO CURE ZONAPHA SYNDROME FROM ELEONORE.
TWO YEARS... WITHIN TWO YEARS, NO MATTER WHAT...

KU-HUH.

ARE YOU FACELESS?

MISTER FOU,
EVEN IF IT'S JUST A GUESS ...
GOOD JOB... FIGURING ALL THAT OUT...

THAT'S RIGHT, I MAY BE FACELESS IN A WAY.


WHAT A NICE THING TO SAY, MING-XIA.
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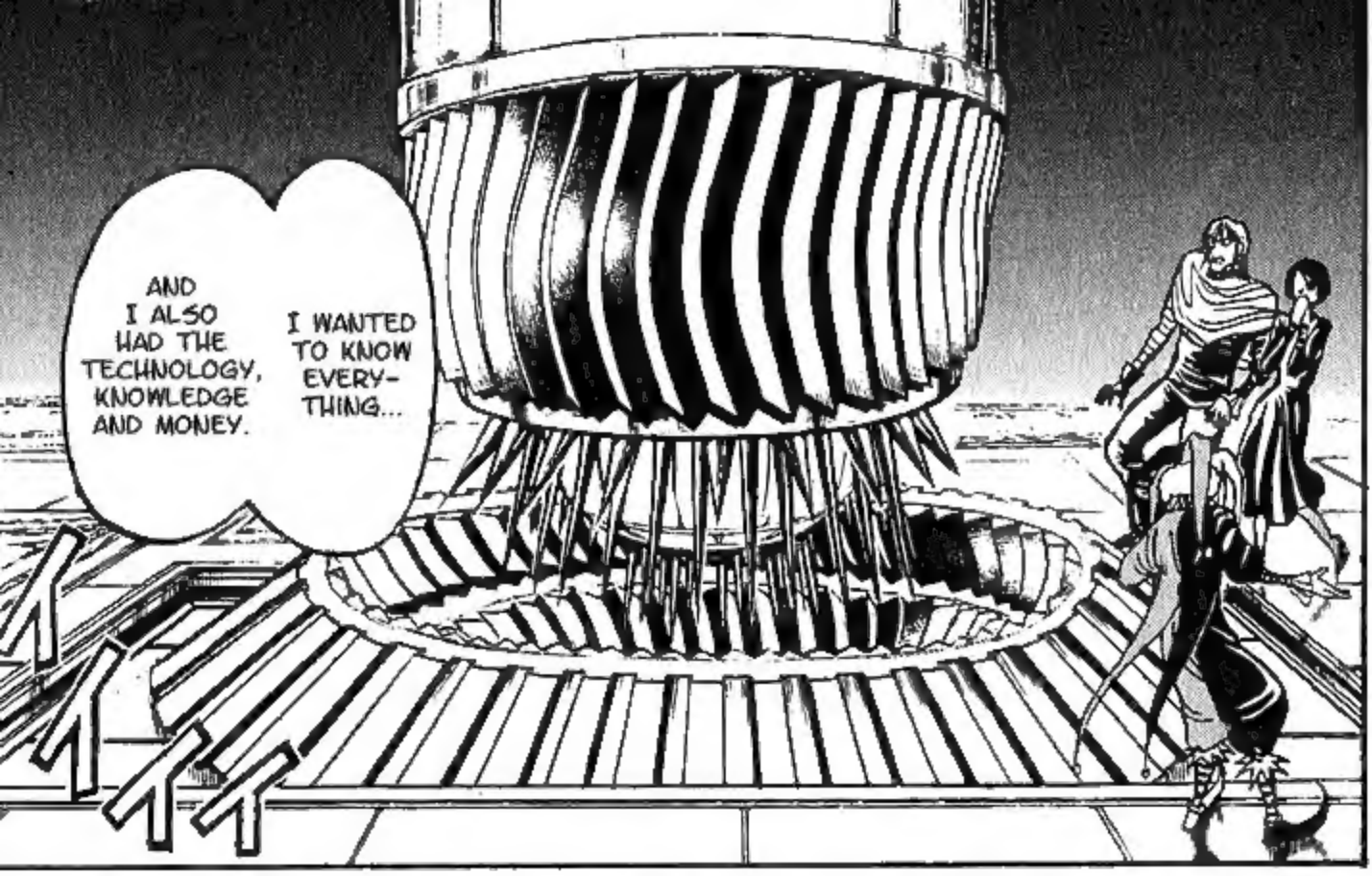
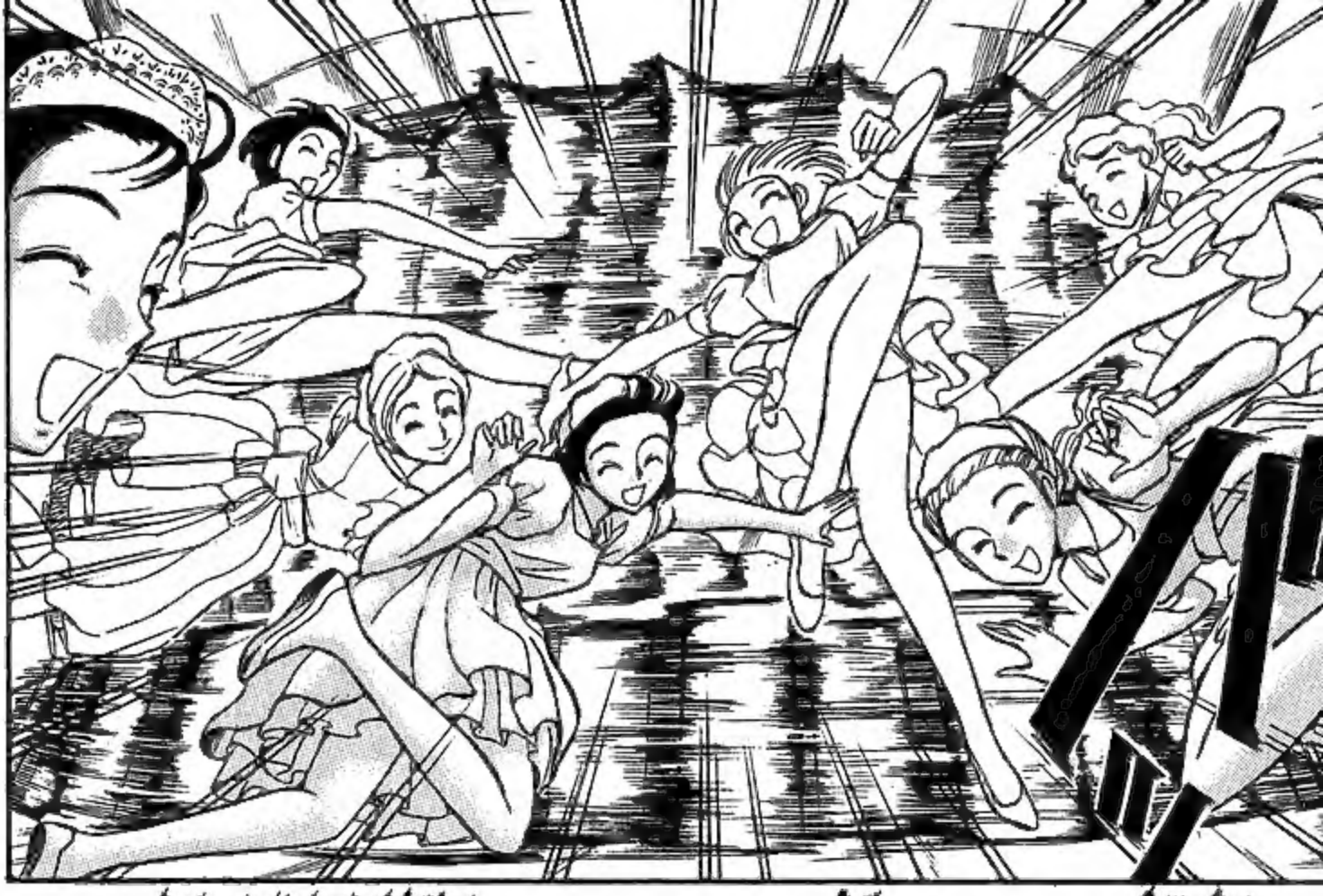

I WANTED TO KNOW EVERY-THING...
AND I ALSO HAD THE TECHNOLOGY, KNOWLEDGE AND MONEY.

I THOUGHT I COULD UNDERSTAND FACELESS' FEELINGS.
THAT'S WHY... I TRIED CREATING THEM.

WHA... WHAT IS THIS?

AH?!
WHAT?



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THEY WERE AUTOMATA.
ALL OF THEM.

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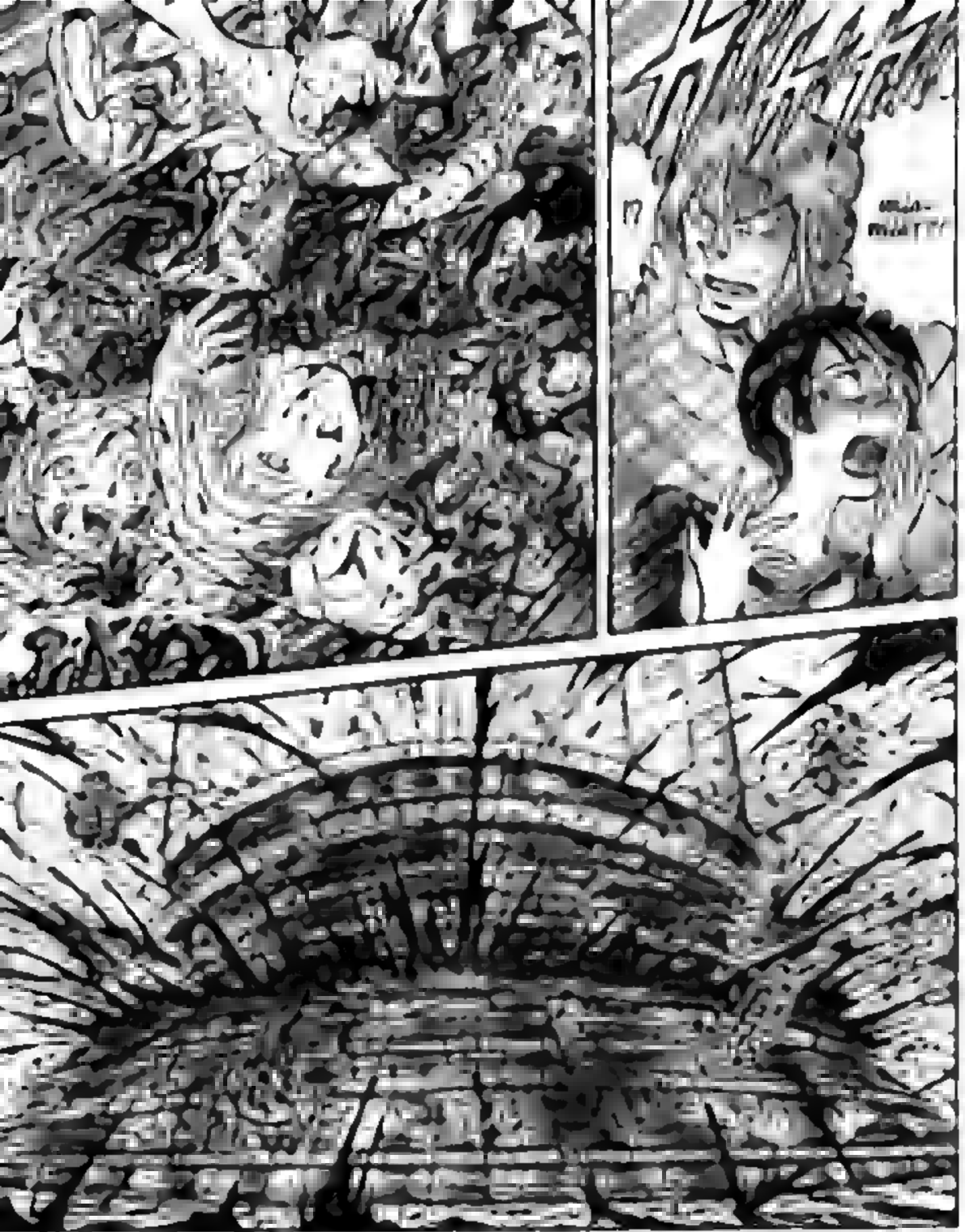
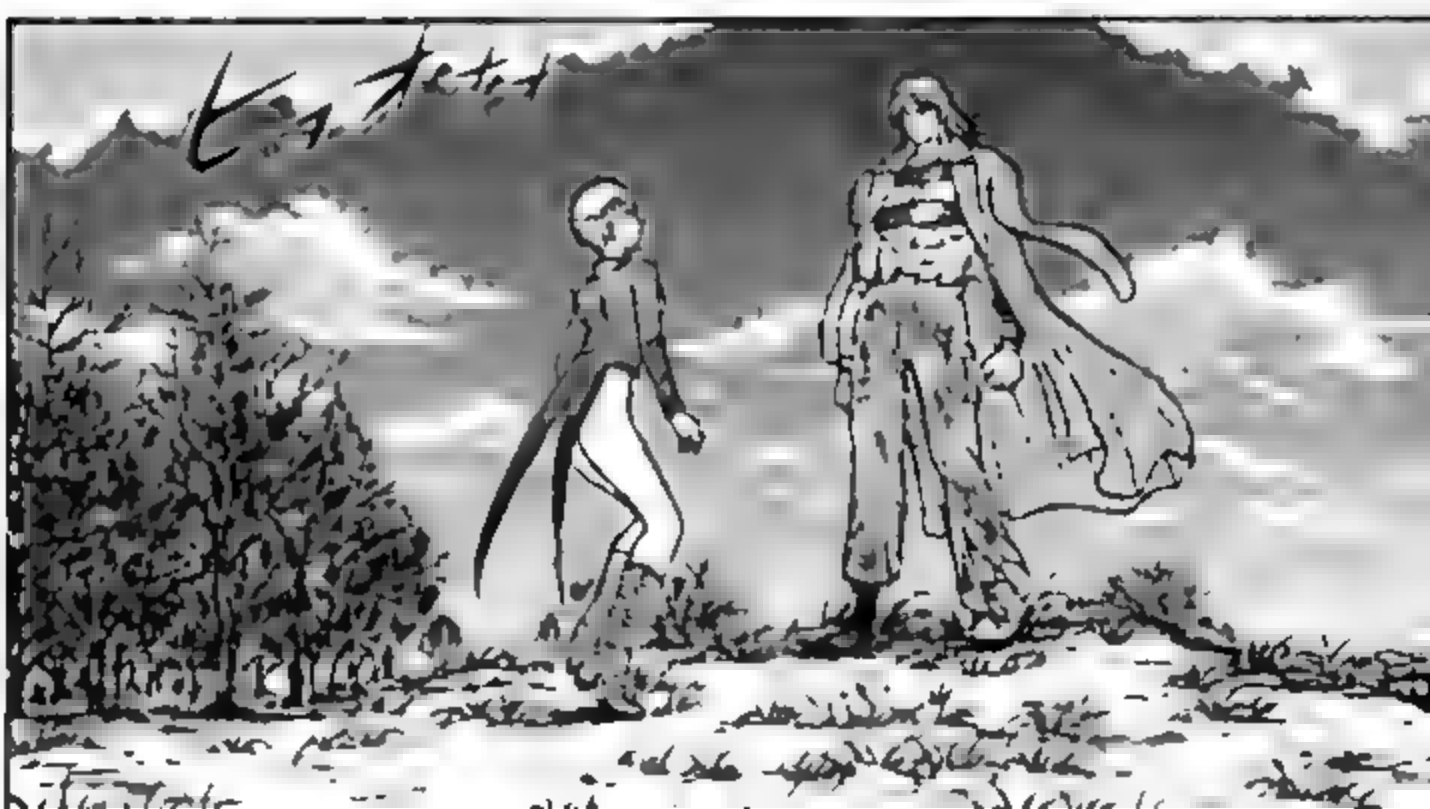


THEY MAKE FACIAL EXPRESSIONS JUST LIKE HUMANS. AND YET, YOU CAN CONFIRM THEY ARE AUTOMATA ONCE YOU LOOK INSIDE THEM THAT'S HOW I CREATED THEM
BUILT-IN WITH AN ORGANIC CHEMICAL COMBINATION OF ARTIFICIAL MUSCLES AND FALSE BLOOD VESSELS..

NEVER-
THELESS,
I DIDN'T
BECOME
FACE-
LESS.

YOU TWO



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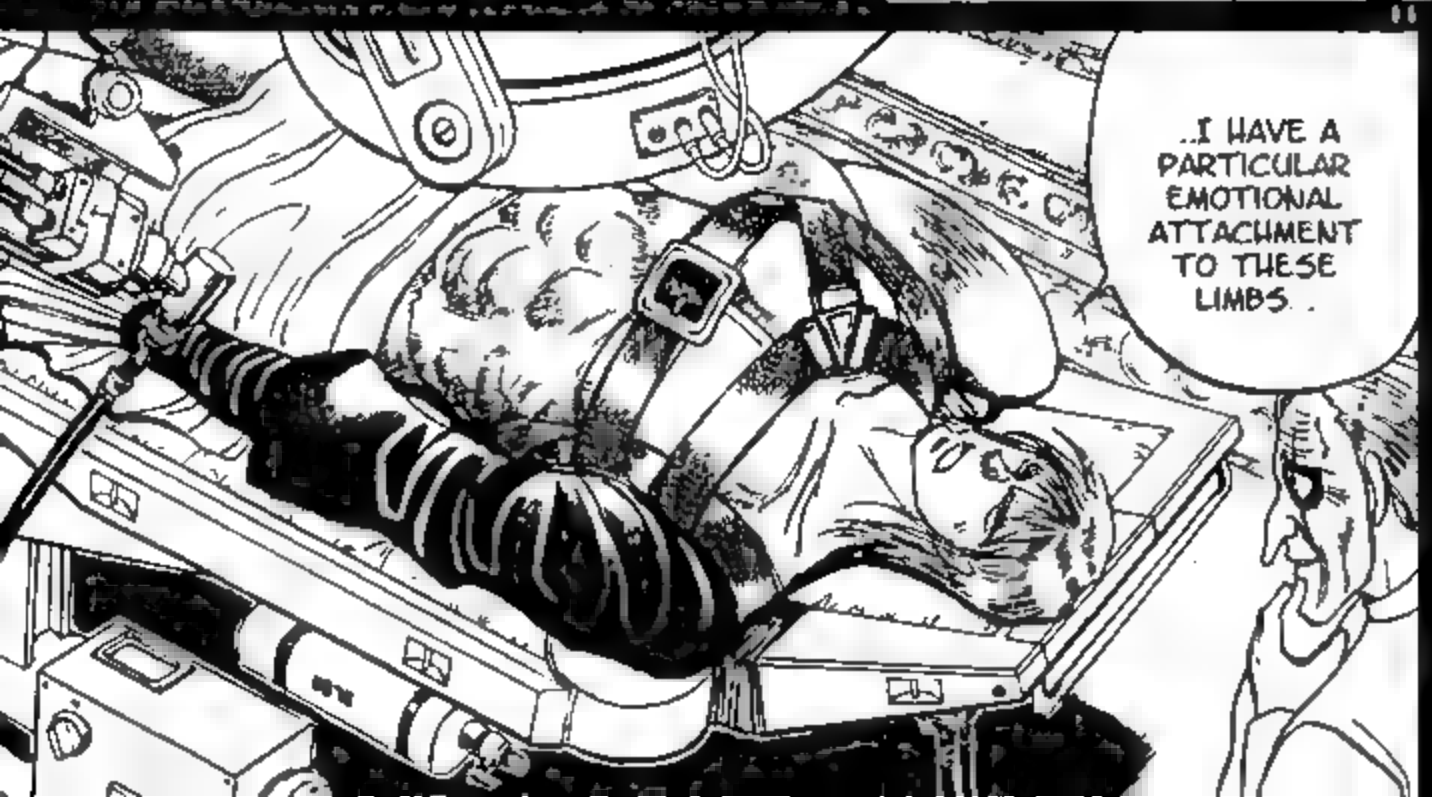
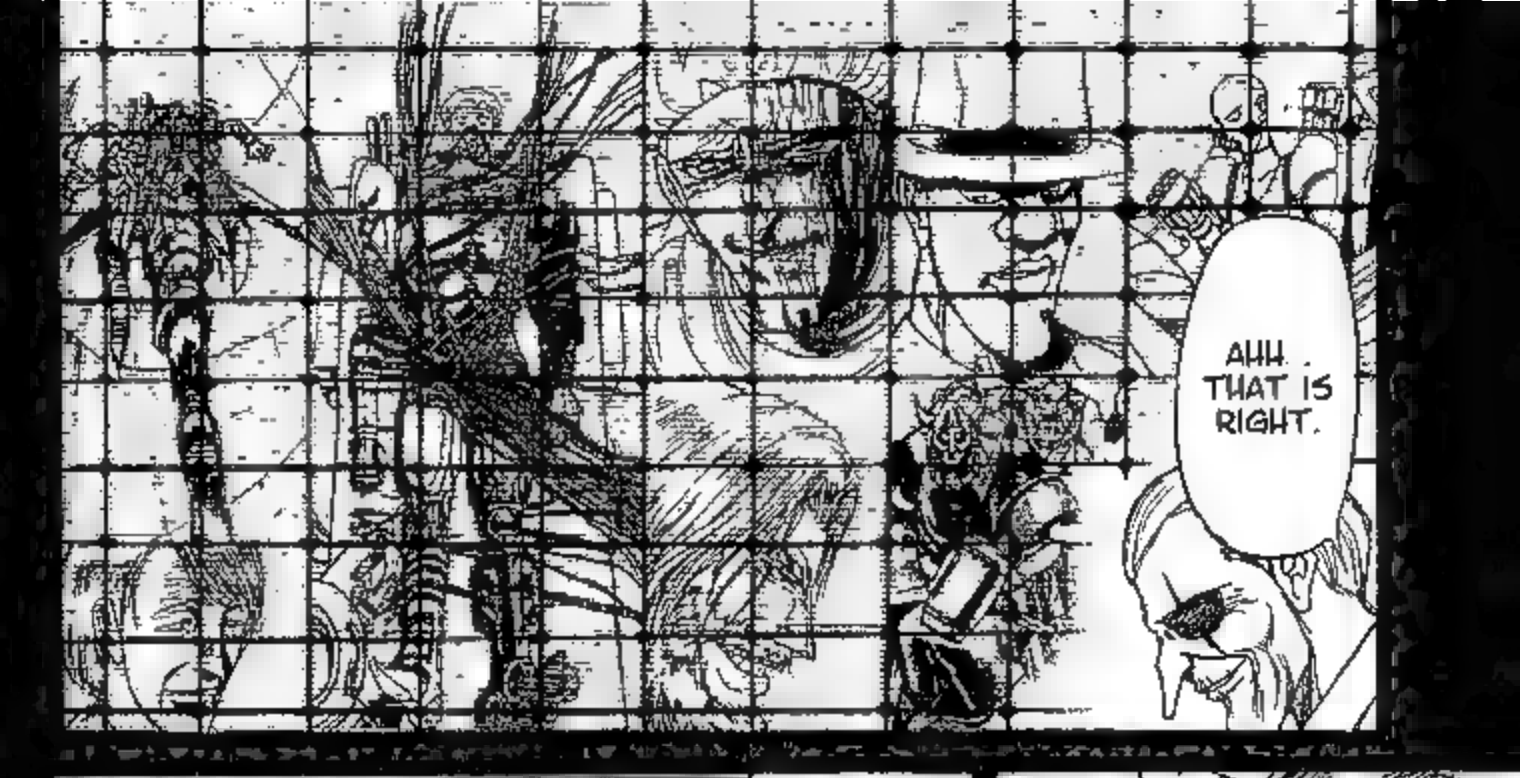
THAT'S ALL I HAD TO SAY
AFTER THAT, I HAD MY LIMBS REMODELED BY FOU AND CAME HERE

WITH MY TECHNOLOGY, I CAN MAKE YOUR LIMBS RESEMBLE MORE FLESH AND BLOOD, EVEN IF ARTIFI-CIALLY
MISTER NARUMI, DO YOU REALLY JUST WANT ME TO BALANCE THE SHAPE OF YOUR ARMS AND LEGS?


..I HAVE A PARTICULAR EMOTIONAL ATTACHMENT TO THESE LIMBS..


AHH. THAT IS RIGHT.

IT WOULDN'T HURT TO ADD SOME NEW FEATURES TO THEM.

THEN PLEASE, SLEEP.
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AH. YOUR HAIR IS.

THEN, YOUR EYES TOO

IT SEEMS TO BE WEAK AGAINST HIGH TEMPERA-TURES, BUT IT RETURNS TO NORMAL AFTER ABOUT AN HOUR

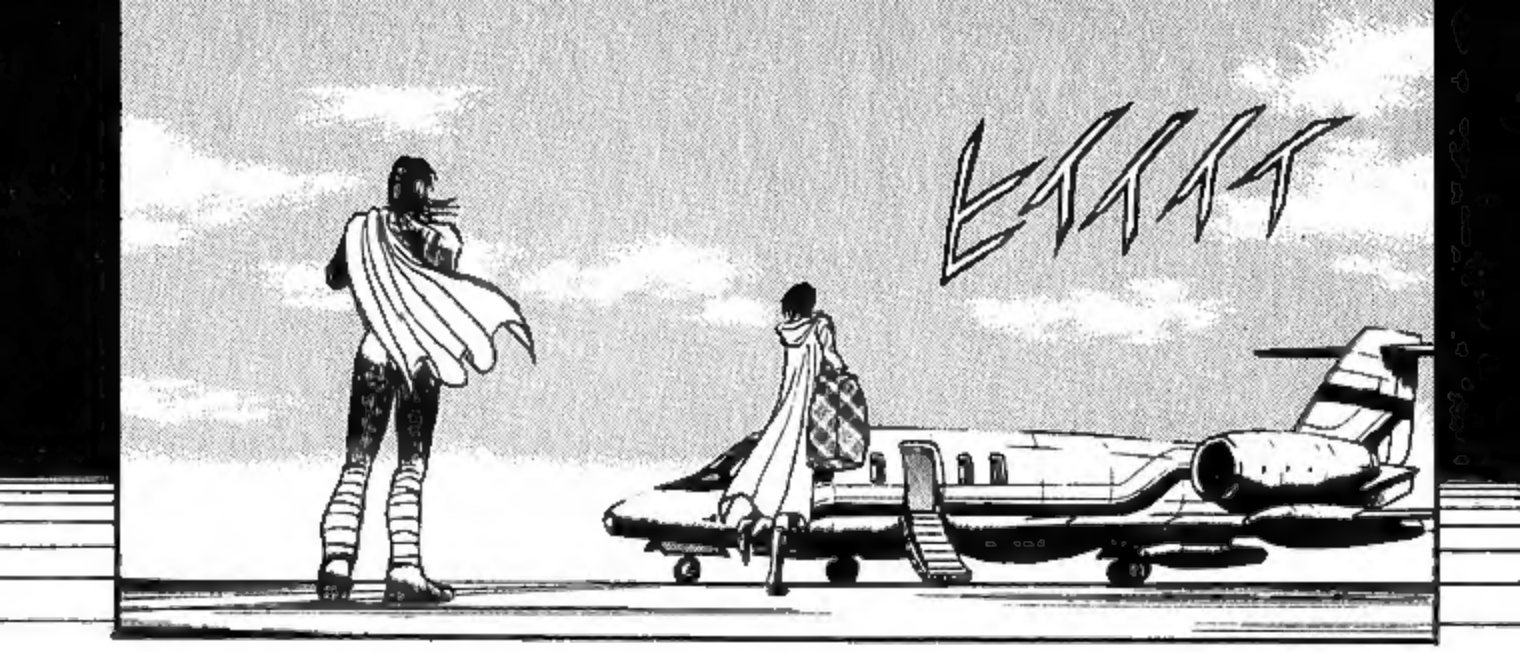
THIS IS ALSO FOU'S WORK A BLACK PIGMENT COVERS MY HAIR AUTOMATI-CALLY.

AND WHAT HAPPENED TO MING-XIA?
THERE IS A BLACK CONTACT LENS IN MY RIGHT EYE ONLY
FOR SOME REASON, MY LEFT EYE DIDN'T TURN SILVER.

MING-HAI, DO YOU WANT TO GO TO JAPAN NO MATTER WHAT?
WE PARTED WAYS IN ENGLAND.

IT'S FINE, BIG SIS JUST LEAVE THE REST TO ME.
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW THE SECRET OF THE WORLD'S CRITICAL SITUATION. I
I I CAN'T GO I HAVE MY LIFE AS AN ACTRESS.

I DON'T LIKE HIM, BUT I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO BELIEVE AND ACT.
I HAD NO OTHER OPTIONS FROM THE START.
YOU ASKED ME THEN IF I BELIEVED WHAT HE SAID THAT EASILY.
MING-HAI...
WHAT'S WRONG WITH BURDENING MYSELF?
HEY, YOU DON'T NEED TO BURDEN YOURSELF WITH THIS. MISTER FOU HIMSELF IS ACTING TOO, SO...
ZAI JIAN, (FAREWELL)
MING-HAI.
ISN'T THIS MORE LIKE ME, NEE-SAN?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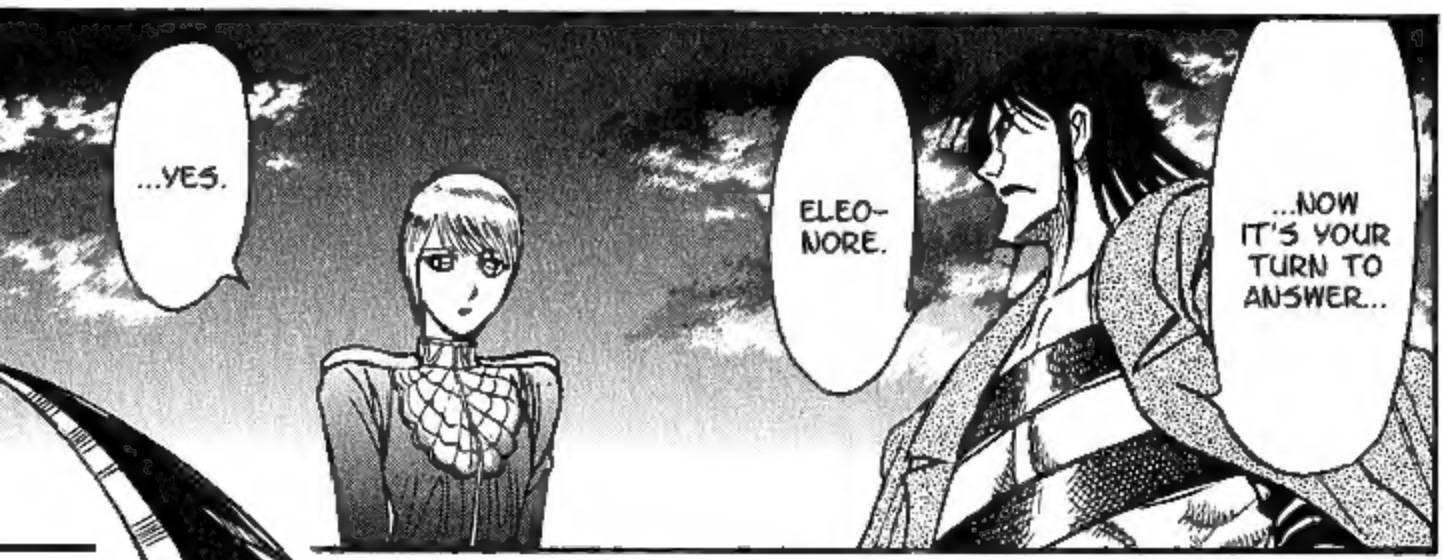
...YES.
ELEO-NORE.
...NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO ANSWER...

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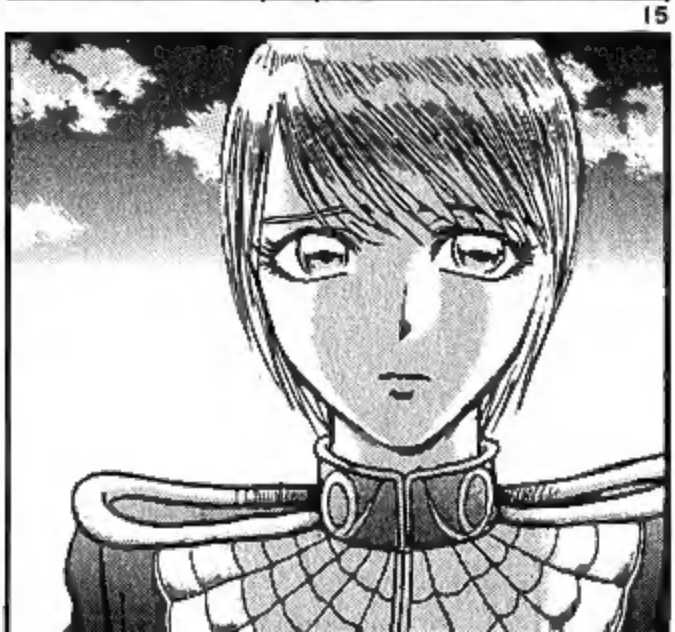
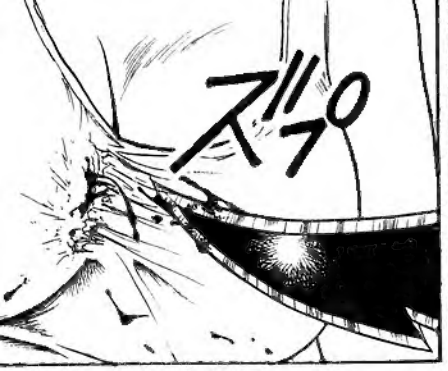
WHY DID YOU SAVE ME..?

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I'M ASKING YOU WHY!
STOP... DON'T SAY THAT SO LIGHTLY...!

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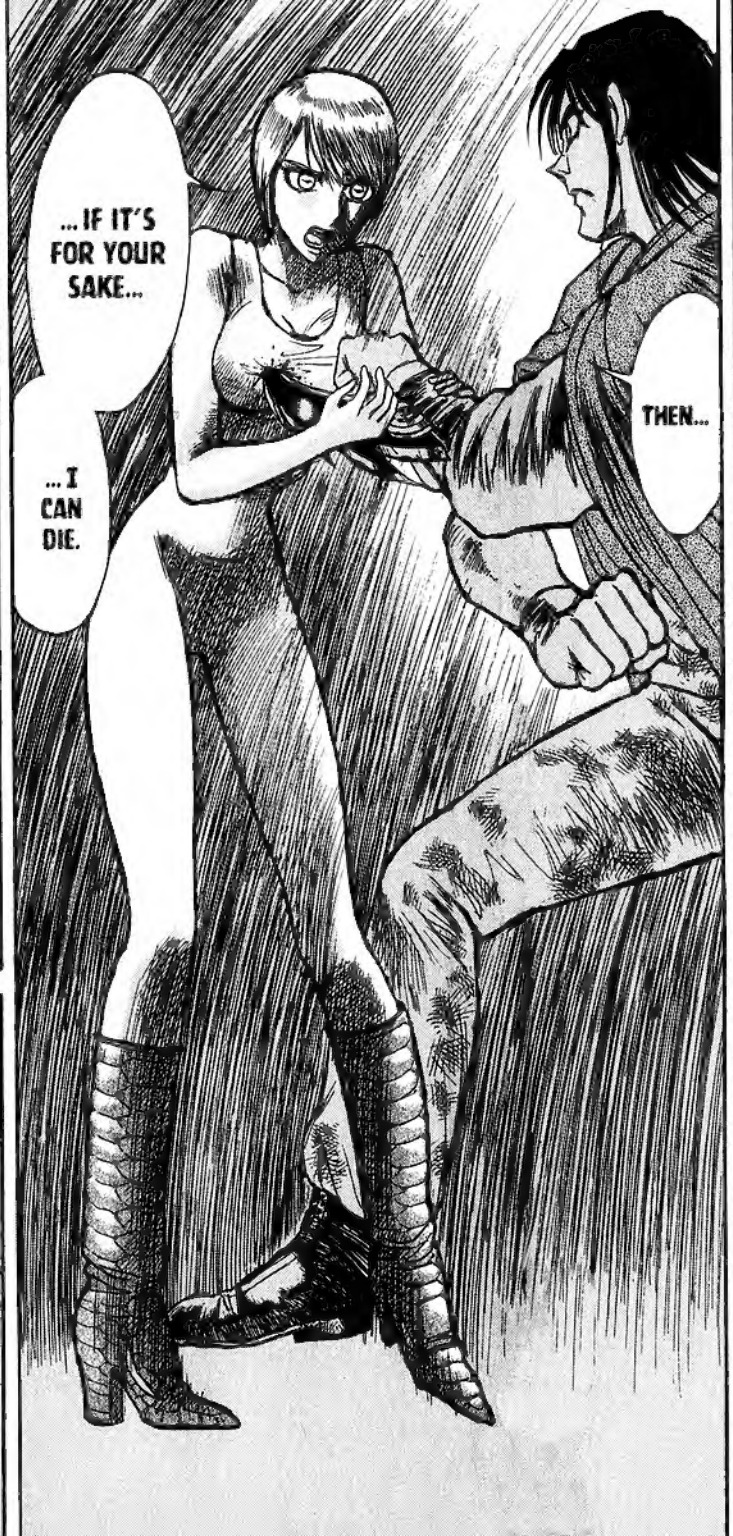
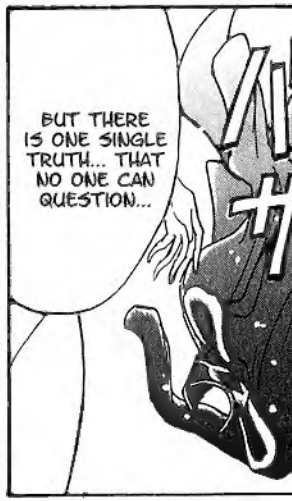

...IF IT'S FOR YOUR SAKE...
...I CAN DIE.
THEN...

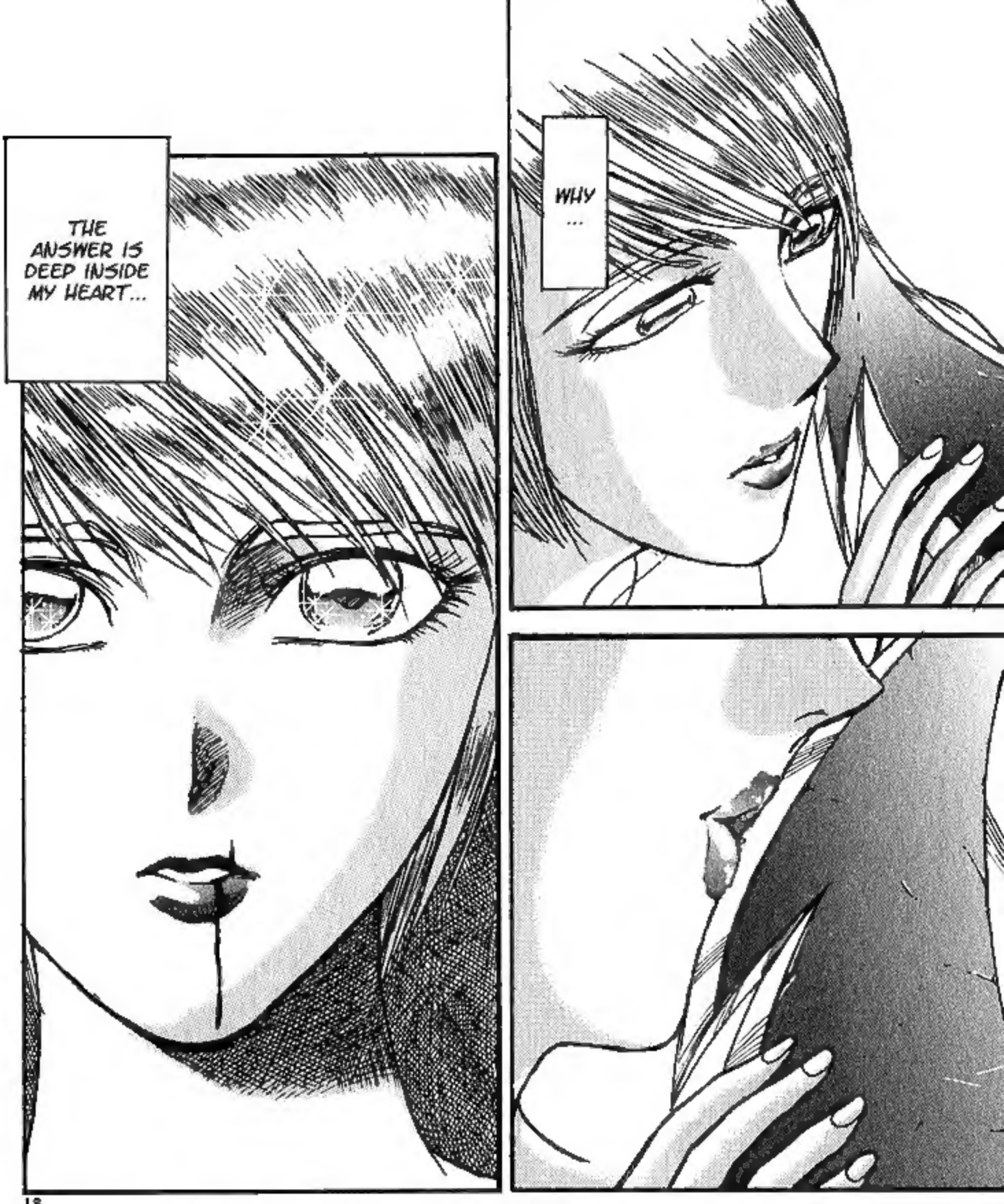
I'LL EVENTUALLY DESTROY YOU.
EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE A BODY NOW,

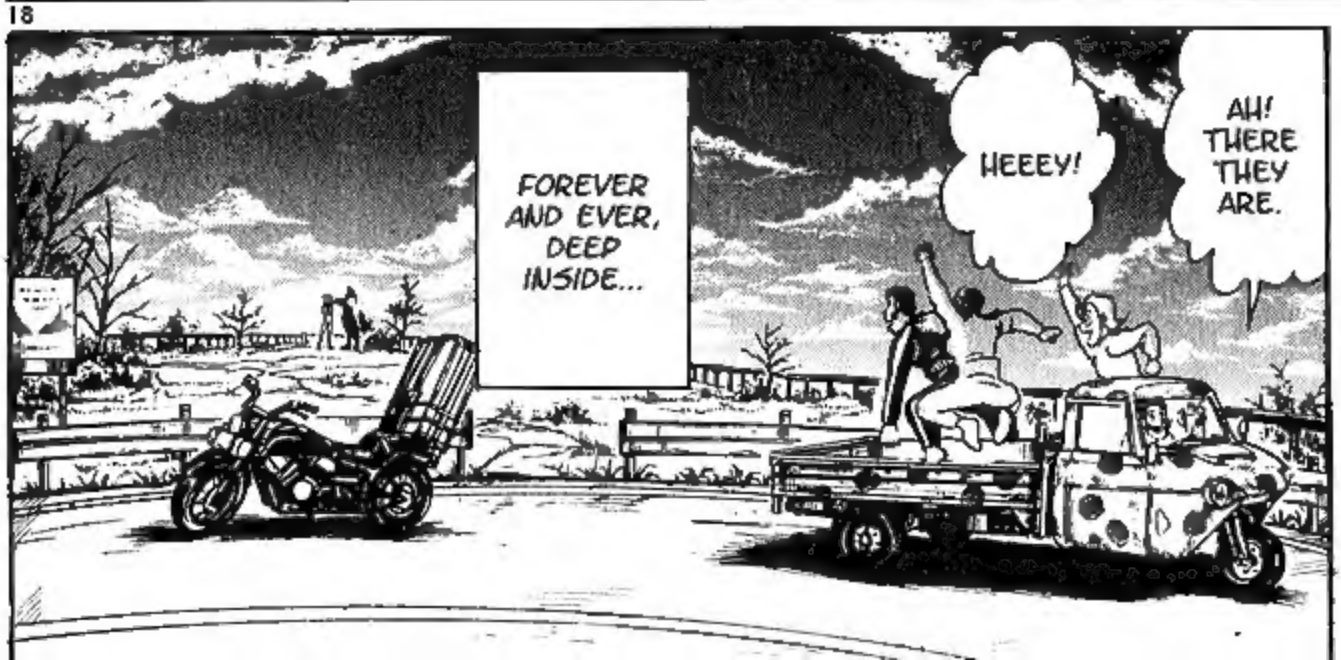
RIGHT NOW, I HAVE NO MEMORIES FROM THE DOLL FRANCINE.

IS NOT SOME-THING I KNOW...
WHETHER OR NOT THAT PERSON YOU MET CALLED FOU IS RIGHT...

...WILL ALWAYS BE YOURS.
MY LIFE...


BUT THERE IS ONE SINGLE TRUTH... THAT NO ONE CAN QUESTION...


THE ANSWER IS DEEP INSIDE MY HEART...
WHY ...


FOREVER AND EVER, DEEP INSIDE...
HEEEY!
AH! THERE THEY ARE.